

# News Release



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## **Students Light Up the Big Screen with Personal Stories About Water for Alameda County Water District's Annual Contest**

Fremont, Calif – Award-winning entries created by Tri-city area students for the Alameda County Water District's 6<sup>th</sup> annual WaterClips Student Video Contest premiered during a special Board Meeting on May 21.

The District awarded over \$1,500 in scholarships to students in grades 6-12 for producing 30-second videos conveying the personal significance of ACWD water delivered to their home, neighborhood, school, local businesses and community.

This year's video contest attracted over 100 students to compete as individual or team entries and focus on the theme "ACWD Water and Me." Student videos highlighted water's vital role in their daily lives, shaping family traditions or everyday activities.

From animation to live action, students showcased their talents in video production, editing, screenwriting and acting as they competed for scholarships up to \$500.

Teachers were also awarded classroom scholarships for their support as sponsors of winning videos.

A panel of prominent representatives from government, media, television and utility industries served as contest judges to view and score each contest submission in both Middle and High School categories.

"At ACWD, we believe that inspiring the next generation to understand and care about our water resources is key to a sustainable future," said ACWD Board President Judy Huang. "This contest is a wonderful opportunity for students to bring their unique perspective about the value of water that can be shared throughout our community."

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### Middle School Winners

<b><u>First Prize Winner - \$500</u></b>	<b><u>Second Prize Winner - \$250</u></b>	<b><u>Third Prize Winner - \$100</u></b>
Aditya Madhavani Grade 8	Dhaanush Karthikeyan Grade 8	Poorvi Girish Grade 6
Video: <i>"ACWD Water and Me"</i>	Video: <i>"ACWD Water and Me"</i>	Video: <i>"ACWD Water and Me"</i>
William Hopkins Middle School	Thornton Middle School	Thornton Middle School

### High School Winners

<b><u>First Prize Winner - \$500</u></b>	<b><u>Second Prize Winner - \$250</u></b>	<b><u>Third Prize Winner - \$100</u></b>
Jadon Li and Pradyun Kanuparthi Grade 10	Aarush Sundararajan, Eesha Rustagi and Vihaan Dayal Grade 9	Pradyun Kanuparthi, Jadon Li and Preston Hu Grade 10
Video: <i>"Water is Amazing"</i>	Video: <i>"A Day in the Life of ACWD Water"</i>	Video: <i>"Our Life, Our Water"</i>
Mission San Jose High School	Irvington High School	Mission San Jose High School

In addition, award-winning student entries received a free movie ticket and local movie theaters will show winning entries in advance of featured films through June 12.

For a complete list of winners, honorable mentions and recognized teachers, and to watch the winning videos, visit [acwd.org/waterclips](http://acwd.org/waterclips).

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Since 1914, the Alameda County Water District has supplied water to the residents and businesses of southern Alameda County. ACWD supplies drinking water to the 348,000 people living in the cities of Fremont, Newark and Union City. For more information, please visit [www.acwd.org](http://www.acwd.org).